

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending. New claims 60-63 are supported by the originally filed claims.

Initially, Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Telephone Interview of August 18, 2006, in which the Examiner indicated that she had considered the arguments presented by Applicant in the Request for Reconsideration. The Examiner did not withdraw the rejection, however, as the parent of the cited reference allegedly teaches the claimed features at Fig. 3 and the associated text (pg .45, second full paragraph). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

Claims 1-59 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) and/or § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated and/or unpatentable over Carlin (U.S. Published Patent Application No. 20020093538). Applicants incorporate the remarks made in the Communication filed October 24, 2005 as well as in the Request for Reconsideration filed June 20, 2006.

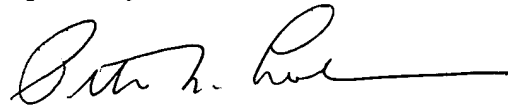
As explained therein, the presently claimed system allows a user/producer to choose a *composite product*, and the parts necessary to make the *composite product*, i.e., the *component parts*, are ordered directly from the appropriate vendor(s). Once the user/producer receives the *component parts*, the user/producer must construct the *composite product* from the *component parts*. Carlin (more specifically U.S. Appl. No. 09/643,507, from which Carlin claims priority) fails to teach or suggest such a feature. Although Fig. 3 and the associated text from the '507 application is contained in Carlin, this disclosure does not teach or suggest the claimed features.

New claims 60-63 have been added to emphasize these features.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner contact the undersigned to schedule a Personal Interview prior to the issuance of a subsequent Office Action to help to reach an agreement on the claims.

In any event, it is respectfully submitted that all objections and rejections are overcome. Thus, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If any fee is necessary to make this paper, or any paper filed herewith, timely and/or complete, such fee may be deducted from the undersigned's deposit account, no. 19-4375.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter N. Lalos", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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